# The Republican City Campaign Will Be Formally Opened at Turner Hall To-night.

### ROMANCE OF A WILL.

HOW IT BROUGHT A FATHER AND DAUGHTER TOGETHER,

BEEN SEPARATED SINCE '61.

TWO REMARKABLY STRANGE BE-QUESTS IN THE WILL.

One Was That a Fine Home Be Perpetually Closed and Another That the Furniture and Bedding Be Kept on Exhibition.

Milwaukee, Wis., March 21.-Mrs. Flora Herrick, of Chicago, and her father, Willtam Gessie, an inmate of the National Soldiers' home in this city, have been brought together after having been separated since 1861, when the war broke out. The meeting was brought about through the settlement of a will in which an estate valued at \$100,-

Robert Gessie died about six months ago at Newport, Ind., leaving a large estate. The story of the litigation which will probably follow has many extraordinary features. He was an eccentric character and drew up his own will to suit his own peculiar fancies. He left a homestead valued at \$20,000 to his wife, but provided that, upon the appointment of trustees to take charge of the estate, the mansion should locked up and kept perpetually closed, except that, twice a year, men were to be employed to go there, open it up and give it an airing. The widow, who was his sec-ond wife, was provided with another house in which she was to make her home

To his son, William Gessle, and his granddaughter he left a small amount of money, and the remainder of the estate be used in building a large school house in Newport. The will provides that, in the second story of the building, there shall be a large assembly hall, surrounded on all sides with glass cases, in which shall pe placed clothing, bedding, furniture and schold goods from the Gessie mansion The reason assigned for this display of the household goods of the Gessie mansion in the school house is "that the pupils may be reminded of the donor and that his memory may be kept green."

When the war of the rebellion broke out William Gessie enlisted in an Indiana regiment and went forth to fight the battle of the Union. He left behind him a wife and a daughter, the latter 10 weeks old. William did not write to his wife when he was in the army, nor did he return to his home when the war was over. Instead, he drifted out into the Western country and finally brought up at the Soldiers' home at Milwaukee. He finally wrote to his father and by this means was remembered with a small bequest when the latter made his will. He employed a law firm of this city to look after his interests, and while a member of the firm was in Indiana a few weeks ago he came in contact with a Chicago attorney who was representing the interests of Mrs. Flora Herrick, of that city. cover the relationship between their cliwere identical. Later, a meeting was arranged in Milwaukee between father and daughter, in which an affecting scene was

The father and child will make commo in their efforts to upset the will of Robert Gessie and secure a just portion of

### SOME COURT DECISIONS.

Insurance Companies Not Liable to Double Indemnity for Train Accidents If Outside Vehicle.

St. Louis, Mo., March 21.-In the United States circuit court of appeals to-day the appeal of the Actna Life Insurance Company from a verdict granting Herman R Vandicar damages, given by the United States court in Nebraska, Judge Rinar reversed the decision and remanded the case for a rehearing. This action is important in that it decides that the companies providing double indemnity for accidents trains and boats are only liable when the mishap occurs within the car or vehicle.

The decision of the United States circuit court of Missouri, in the case of P. Loril lard Company vs. Christian Peper, in which the plaintiff complained of unfair competition in trade, through the St. Louis con a package of the plaintiff's tobacc was affirmed by the appellate court. The Judge Thayer remanded the case of Ster ling R. Cockrell, receiver of the First Na tional bank, of Little Rock, Ark., vs. Henry M. Cooper et al. from the Eastern of Arkansas. He held that the should be allowed to amend his co

### THE TRUTH IS NO LIBEL

Circuit Court Says Libel Defendant I Justified if Published Allegations Are Proven.

St. Louis, March 21 .- Judge Selden P.

Spencer, of division No. 7, of the St. Louis circuit court, to-day handed down a decision on the rights of newspapers to plead in justification, in libel suits, that the articles sued on were true. The point came up on a motion for a rehearing of the case of Charles B. Stark vs. Publishers George Knapp & Co., in which Stark sucd damages on account of articles pub-

Judge Spencer refused a rehearing of he case, which had been decided in favor the case, which had been decided in favor of the defendants. The defense was that what was published was true. Judge Spencer said, in part: "If the substance of the publication in its full and fair meening is alleged and proved to be true, the justification is complete."

### TEST CASE GOES OVER.

Chief Justice Gantt to Hear Arguments in West Side Electric Case Next May.

Jefferson City, March 21 .- (Special.) Chie Justice Gantt, of the supreme court, to-day set the case of Attorney General Crow vs. the West Side Electric Street Railway Company, of Kansas City, for hearing in supreme court en banc on May 2. This is suit to test the Julian franchise law attorney general has filed a general urrer to the return of the respondent ment will be on this demurrer

### Missouri Klondikers Dead.

Mexico, Mo., March 21.—(Special.) Mrs. Thomas See, of Montgomery county, has received word from Dyea, Alaska, that her husband and John McCafferty, who went from this part of Missouri to the gold fields, are both dead. It seems that they fied of an influenza peculiar to that cli-nate. Mr. See was a brother to R. E. See. marshal of the supreme court.

Hotel Victoria offers superior accommoda-

#### SIX MEN UNDER ARREST. Members of the Wybark, I. T., Mob in a Fair Way to Be Brought

to Justice. Muskogee, I. T., March 21.—(Special.) The remains of Ed Chambers and his wife and PERISH AT BUTTE, MONT. Matthews, the victims of the mob last Saturday night, were buried near Wybark, I. T., to-day, and almost simultaneously with their burial deputy marshals arrested and now have in custody W. A. Lamon, a merchant of Gibson station; G. W. Gains, the railroad agent, and Ed Burns, Laton Shark, R. L. Mills and Robert Blalock, Shark, R. L. Mills and Robert Blaiock, employes on the section at that place, Just before his death Chalmers stated that Burns and one Smiley were in the mob, and that he recognized Lamon's voice. He also gave a description of Matthews, the member of the mob who was found dead near the railroad Sunday morning with three guns by his side. Parties living near the railroad say they heard a handcar going in the direction where the crime was committed a short time before the shooting occurred, and afterward heard it going committed a short time before the shoot-ing occurred, and afterward heard it going back toward Gibson station. The entire community is shocked with the horror of the crime, and United States Marshal Ben-net is determined to probe the matter to the bottom.

### BLOODY KENTUCKY BATTLE.

Three Men Killed and Two Injured in a General Shooting Scrape

Near Pineville. Pineville, Ky., March 21.-One of the odiest battles ever fought in the Kentucky mountains took place yesterday afternoon on Puckett's creek, in Hanlan county, about sixteen miles from this place in which three men were killed and two intured. The killed are: Thad Snelling, Joseph Leroy and Wes Taylor. They were at a neighbor's house drinking when a quara neighbor's house drinking when a quar-rel arose between Snelling and Taylor, the former getting in the first shot, but miss-ing. Taylor then opened fire, killing Snell-ing. Leroy had been at the stable, but hear-ing the shooting rushed to Snelling's de-fense. Finding him dead, he opened fire on Taylor, shooting about the same time. When the fracas was over, both were found to be stretched on the ground dead. Two men were wounded by stray bullets, but will recover. The shooting is said to be the outcome of an old grudge which exbe the outcome of an old grudge which existed between the Snellings and Taylors.

### SHOT HIS SISTER-IN-LAW.

Drunken Ohioan Revenges Himself Against the Woman Who Harbored His Wife.

Geneva, O., March 21 .- About 6 o'clock this evening James McStockard shot and likely fatally wounded his wife's sister, Mrs. Gaines Trunkey. After firing two shots, McStockard started to run, but was pulled down by two large hounds owned by Mrs. Trunkey. He succeeded in releasing himself, however, and escaped. Officers and a posse of citizens are now scouring

McStockard had been drinking heavily of late, and had become so abusive that his wife had fled with her little girl to her sister's residence. McStockard knocked at the door to-night, and, upon Mrs. Trunkey opening it, he pulled a revolver and fired two shots at her with the above result.

## OFFICERS WERE POOR SHOTS.

Each Caught a Bullet Without Doing Any Damage in Re-

turn. affray here to-day Sheriff W. J. Bray was killed and Deputy Sheriff Homer Gilmore dangerously wounded. The row began beween Ashley Cocke and Homer Gilmore Cocke emptied his pistol at Gilmore, three Cocke emptied his pistol at Gilmore, three shots taking effect, while Gilmore missed his assailant. Cocke then walked across the street, meantime reloading his pistol. Sheriff Bray, hearing the shooting, hastened to the scene, and, getting within a few paces of Cocke, drew his pistol and ordered Cocke to throw up his hands, Cocke at the same time calling out to the sheriff not to come any further. Bray fired, but missed, and then Cocke, taking aim, shot his antagonist through the heart.

#### CONVICTS MAKE A RICH HAUL. Overpower the Guard, Steal \$2,50 From the Prison Safe and Make

Dedham, Mass., March 21.-Two prisoners at the Dedham house of correction, having sawed their way out of their cell, overpowered a guard to-day and, after binding him, seized the keys of the safe, from which they took about \$2,500 in money be three revolvers, and then escaped. They were Patrick E. Gill, of Hyde Park, who longing to the officials and prisoners, and served but a few months of a two sentence for larceny, and Charles of Walpole, who was waiting a hear

### Woman Chicken Thief Indicted.

St. Joseph, Mo., March 21.-(Special.) Mrs. Ida Copeland, of Kansas City, the con-firmed chicken thief, was indicated for grand laceny to-day with Charles Johnson and Edward W. Pratt. They are accused of Edward W. Pratt. They are accused of stealing turkeys from Farmer McCauley the night of March 3. Mrs. Copeland has become one of the most notorious char-acters in the state during the last two

### Mail Carrier Confesses.

Bismarck, N. D., March 21.-The myster Bismarck, N. D., March 21.—The mysterious disappearance of a package containing \$1,000 from the mails between Willamsport and Livonia was solved by the confession of Walter Boutellier, mail carrier, who has been under arrest. Boutellier said he concealed the package in a deserted barn where it was found by the inspector, all the money and checks being found but \$20.

### An Unknown Spielde.

Des Moines, Ia., March 21.—In the fash-ionable East end to-day, a well dressed man steed on the track at the railroad crossing and as a train on the Chicago & North-western railroad came up he threw himself across the rails and was killed. The man's name could not be ascertained. He wore a Masonic charm and appeared to be a travel-ing salesman. ing salesman.

#### Because She Wouldn't Marry Him. Wellsville, O., March 21.-While returning from church last night. Oliv nome from church last night, Onver Reed asked Sarah Walton to marry him and upon her refusal he drew a revolver and shot her through the heart. He then turned the weapon on himself and blew out his brains, dying in a short time. Papers found on his body show the deed was premeditated.

Georgia Negro Lynched.

Atlanta, Ga., March 21.-John Galloway n Northern Alabama last night. He had been paying attention to a young girl named Stout for several months, young woman's father became cogniz he affair yesterday and the lynching fol

### To Inspect the Panama Canal.

Colon, Colombia, March 21.—The French steamer Labrador, from Havana, on Feb-ruary 22, via Santandar, on February 27, has arrived here, having on board the five commissioners sent to investigate the af-fairs of the new Panama Canal Company and to report upon the progress made upon the canal. Sturgeon Savings Bank Quits.

Mexico, Mo., March 21.—(Special.) The Ritchie Savings bank at Sturgeon voluntar-ily closed its doors for the purpose of liqui-dation. The Farmers and Merchants' bank will occupy their banking house and will succeed to the business. Wall paper, latest, cheapest, best. Miller, 1205 Grand.

PERISH AT BUTTE, MONT.

#### TWENTY OR MORE ARE MISSING

TWO KNOWN TO BE DEAD, ONE DY-ING AND SIX BADLY HURT.

Fire Broke Out About 3 O'clock in the Morning and the Inmates Had to Fly in Their Night Clothes - Property Loss, \$100,000.

Butte, Mont., March 21.-The Hale house, a large three story brick building on East Broadway, used as a lodging and boarding house by miners in the employ of the Anaconda company, was entirely destroyed by fire which broke out shortly after 3 o'clock this morning. So far as known, two men are dead from injuries received in jumping from windows; another is dying, and twenty are missing, while a search of the ruins may disclose the fact that many transient lodgers lost their lives

Matt Doyle, aged 45, miner, jumped from a third story window, turned over in the air and struck on his head and was killed. Frank Rohdey, aged 40, lately from Portland, Ore., jumped from a third story window, struck on his head and shoulders, fracturing his skull and killing him.

Hugh Boyle, aged 30, miner at Anaconda mine, started to lower himself from third story by means of improvised rope, which parted fifty feet from the ground. He is dying. He was just recovering from the effects of a broken leg through an accident a month ago.

The following were injured: Pat Galligan, went down with third floor when it collapsed and was rescued by firemen; badly burned. John T. Carter, stranger in the city,

got out by means of a fire escape; badly ourned and cut by glass. J. J. Conroy, burned on hands and frac-tured bones by leaping to ground. Barney Reynolds, fractured right leg. He found escape cut off and made a rope of his blankets. It broke when he was

twenty feet from the ground. Mike Judge, right arm broken. He had rescued Patrick Boyle, who was hanging by a section of improvised rope that had broken from the weight of Hugh Boyle. He and three companions made another rope. The others got down safely but the rope broke with Judge.

John Irwin, burned about the neck and face and cut by glass. He jumped from the third floor, but was only stunned by the

There were 20 men and women in the building when the fire broke out. Of these, it is believed about 200 escaped without injury. The fire started in the bakery house of the center of the building, and had a good start before discovered. The blaze was first discovered by Billy White, Jake Yuch and Jack Dooley. They summoned the watchman and rushed to the upper portion of the building, shouting that the house was on fire. By this time the fire had broken through the first floor and smoke filled the hallways.

Dooley and his companions realized that here was no time to lose and they began kicking in the doors of the rooms. The men thoughtfully awakened the women

first. When the firemen arrived men in their underclothes and others half dressed were rear. Others and the servant girls were at windows in front of the building frantically calling for help. They were cut off from the rear of the building by the dense smoke. The ladders were run up, but not before many of the frightened people had jumped. Others, including all the female help, were gotten out by firemen. On the side of the building many had made ropes of their bedclothes and sought to escape in that way. Some of them had succeeded, but in other cases the rone broke and the men dropped many feet to the ground.

As fast as the inmates were rescued or jumped, those injured were placed in vehicles and carried to the different hospitals, Those injured slightly or uninjured betook themselves to the houses of neighbors and friends in order to secure some clothing No one saved anything but what he or sh had on at the time of the fire. This mad it impossible to obtain a full list of many were slightly hurt. The night warrly cold, the thermometer registering

who were slightly hurt. The night was bitterly cold, the thermometer registering 5 below zero.

As long as there appeared any chance of people being in the building the firemen devoted themselves to saving human life. It was only after there was no further chance to this that they began work on the fire in carnest. The fire had gained such headway that, two hours after it began, the walls had fallen.

It is possible some of the missing men may turn up yet. Early in the day the list of the supposed dead ran up as high as fifty. This was because many of the men who escaped did not report for work at the mines. Little by little, however, the list decreased as men reported, until only twenty known lodgers were unaccounted for. It is possible, however, that a number of transient roomers who are not well known may be dead in the ruins.

Only an examination will settle that point and this cannot be made until the ruins cool off.

The Hale house belonged to the Anaconda

The Hale house belonged to the Anaconda compeny. It was built in 1895, at a cost of \$70,000, and, with the furniture and belong-ings of the lodgers, the loss will reach fully \$190,000.

#### QUEER FIRE PROOF BUILDINGS. Big Fire Between Them and Neither

Was Destroyed-Dozen Firms

Burned Out. Chicago, March 21.-Fire this afternoon destroyed the seven story structure known as the Schoneman building. Several people made their way to the street down the fire escapes. It is not believed any lives were The burned structure was located be tween two of the tallest so-called "skyscraper" buildings in Chicago-the Old Colony and the Manhattan. Both are tireproof and neither was damaged, but there was much excitement among the occupants. Great crowds of people assembled in the adjoining streets, expecting to witness a recurrence of last week's Wabash avenue fire horror, but the prompt work of the firemen and the substantial character of the Old Colony and the Manhattan skyscrapers combined to make an effectual preventive. About a dozen firms, including book binderies and similar concerns, were burned out.
The losses to occurants of the building were: Eagle Lithographic Company, \$39,-999; H. L. Brecker, \$19,099; Fornby & Miller, bookbinders, \$15,009; Chopin & Claffin, printers, \$10,000. The other occupants were small

### Died of His Injuries.

rns, whose aggregate loss will not ex

Lawrence, Kas., March 21.-(Special.) Ed Norton, the groceryman who was thrown from his delivery wagon on February 21 and seriously hurt, died to-day. It was not thought for several days that he had

received more than slight bruises, but a post mortem examination revealed that he had bled profusely internally.

#### Big Jersey City Fire.

New York, March 21.—The Pennsylvania railroad depot in Jersey City was damaged by fire early to-day to the extent of \$100.0000. The mammoth train shed and the large office building escaped. Train and ferry traffic was seriously crippled. All of the frame portions of the depot with the shed covering the approach to the several ferry slips and the waiting room and restaurant were destroyed.

#### taurant were destroyed. Didn't Know It Was Loaded.

Topeka, Kas., March 21.—(Special.) George Sperry. a young Topeka boy, lost his right arm below the elbow yesterday by fooling with a gun that wasn't loaded. MISS WILLARD NEVER IN LOVE.

#### She Was Once, However, Engaged to Be Married to Bishop Fowler.

Newton, Kas., March 21 .- (Special.) The Newton W. C. T. U. held a Frances Willard memorial service yesterday afternoon in the Baptist church. Mrs. Gaston Boyd, of this city, was on the programme for per-sonal reminiscences. In 1878 and 1879, Miss Willard and Mrs. Boyd-Miss Elizabeth Clark, she was then-were associated torether in temperance work, Miss Clark singing at Miss Willard's rallies, Mrs. Boyd yesterday gave some interesting history of Miss Willard's "love affair," or lack of

"The report that Miss Willard had a dis appointment in her younger days," she said, "is a mistake. From what she told me, she never had a real 'affair.' She often said that no man had ever cost her a tear, but that many a woman had cost her thousands. Something happened to mar the friendship between Kate Jackson and herself and this caused her more grief than

anything in her life. "She was engaged at one time to be married to the Rev. Mr. Fowler, now a bishop of the M. E. church. He was a great friend of her brother's and the greatly favored the union. In fact, the family 'made the match.' She respected and liked him, but never loved him. She felt that she had a career of her own, but finally consented to the engagement. He promised that nothing should stand in the way of her career. She enjoyed the correspondence that passed between them; in fact she liked him better while absent

than present. "The engagement lasted until about three weeks of the 'date.' Then after mature deliberation, she decided to break the engagement. This caused great consternation in the family circle, but her mind once made up, nothing on earth could ever move her. This was the nearest she ever came to 'following the beaten path of mortals,' and it is my belief along with many others that she was intended for exactly the life she led.

"Or course she received offers by the "Or course she received offers by the score. After leaving a place where she conducted meetings, she would receive letters from young men who were suddenly interested in the temperance movement. Correspondence of this character was carefully continued until the letters on one side began to show symptoms of tenderness, then she would reply that that matter would be 'turned over to her mother.'"

## BLIZZARD IN THE NORTH.

Severe Wind and Snow Storm Is Sweeping Minnesota and the Dakotas.

Huron, S. D., March 21.-The nearest approach to a blizzard experienced in this ection this winter is in progress to-night. The wind comes straight from the north at velocity of forty miles an hour, driving the falling snow in blinding clouds and piling it into drifts. The temperature has fallen 29 degrees since morning. Special warnings were sent out by the weather bureau, predicting the storm, and it is thought that little if any damage will result to stock. The storm covers the northern and central portions of the state. Fargo, N. D., March 21 .- The first real blizzard of the season prevails in Fargo

blizzard of the season prevalls in Fargo to-night. There has been quite a snow fall during the day and a raging wind is blowing, whirling the snow in a blinding mass everywhere. The weather this winter has been so mild that citizens are really enjoying the storm.

Bernesville, Minn., March 21.—A terrific wind and snow storm set in about 2 p. m. to-day, the wind blowing at the rate of sixty miles an hour from the north, accompanied by blinding snow and sand. All traffic is delayed. The storm promises to last all night.

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#### A CLASH NEAR AT HAND. Anglo-Egyptian Expedition Is Hourly Expecting an Attack by Tribesmen.

Atbara Camp, Nubia, March 21.-The Anglo-Egyptian force is hourly expecting an ttack. During a false alarm at the Hudi Fords last evening, a shot was fired from ome unknown quarter and the whole British brigade stood with arms at fixed bayoets. In the dark, a Highlander, rushing to the place, was impaled on a comrade's baythe place, was impaled on a comrade's bayonet. The army marched to-day six miles
to Rashudi, and is now awaiting the reports of the patrols who are feeling for
the Dervish army.

All Bigna, brother of Osman Digna, has
thrice attacked the post at Adarama, but
the friendly natives have each time defeated him, killing in all forty-one.

### A GUTHRIE PEFORM WAVE.

Judge Burford Instructs the Grand Jury to Investigate the Saloons and Dives.

Guthrie, O. T., March 21,-(Special.) sensation was caused to-day by the action of Chief Justice Burford in calling a special grand jury and issuing to them rigid instructions to investigate the saloons and structions to investigate the saloons and dives of this city and indict every saloon-keeper violating the law, every person conducting a disorderly house or renting property for that purpose, and every professional gambler or keeper of a gaming table. Saloonkeepers who have screens or blinds, who conduct billiard, pool or card tables, or who sell on Sunday or after 12 o'clock at night, must be held amenable to the law, he said, and it was the sworn duty of every juror to bring such indictments.

## OFF FOR CALIFORNIA.

Governor and Mrs. Stephens Members of a Party of Pleasure

Jefferson City, Mo., March 21 .- (Special.) Governor and Mrs. Lon V. Stephens, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Leonard and Mr. and Mrs. W. Speed Stephens, of Boonville, left at noon to-day for a month's pleasure trip at noon to-day for a month's pleasure trip to California. They go from here direct to Los Angeles. During the absence of the governor from the state, Lieutenant Gov-ernor A. H. Bolte will perform the duties of governor. If the Missouri troops are called out in case of war with Spain, Gov-ernor Bolte will make the necessary or-ders.

## To Improve Douglas Roads.

Lawrence, Kas., March 21.—(Special.) The Commercial Club of this city held an open meeting to-night in the interest of good roads and paved st its. They propose to back the city count. County commissioners in building macadam roads into the county and thus attract trade to this city.

HORRIBLE STORY OF DESTITUTION OF RECONCENTRADOS.

#### MANY ARE TOO WEAK TO MOVE.

CUBAN COLONEL UNDER GENERAL GARCIA REACES NEW YORK.

#### inva He Is Firmly Convinced the Maine Was Blown Up by a Torpedo Launched From the Alphonso-Why He Thinks So.

New York, March 21 .- Dr. Frank Chado, who for the past two years has served with rank of colonel in the Cuban army under General Calixto Garcia, and who was present when young Gomez committed suicide on seeing his leader, General Maceo, fell, is in this city. Colonel Chado ceme by the steamship Conchas, taking passage at Havana. He eluded the viglance of the Spanish authorities and traveled under an assumed name. When Col onel Chado left New York two years ago he weighed 210 pounds; to-day he weighs

"I have heard something of the stories published in this country of the distress in Cuba and of the thousands that have died and are dying of starvation. Nothing that has been published, nothing that could be

ly is "I know of my own knowledge that in many sections of Cuba they are digging up the earth for the worms that they may find. It is not everyone who is able to dig. Most of the people are so weak that they are unable to move.
"They are dying by the thousands-not

fighting that eventually must end in triumph-but the poor women, the children and the reconcentrados. Ruin is everywhere visible.

"Spain has been guilty of acts that must make civilization stand appalled, and the fact is that they are infinitely worse off to-day than at any time since the war be gan.

"Victory is certain for the Cubans in the near future." Of the present feeling among Spaniards at Havana, Colonel Chado said that it was becoming more hostile for Americans

every day.

"There is a feeling among them," he said, "that the United States is afraid to fight and that they can do anything they please. I am as firmly convinced as a man can be that the Maine horror was no due to any submarine mine. This belief is shared by all Cubans-that the Maine was blown up by a torpedo. Further, I believe that the torpedo came from the Spanish warship, Alphonso XIII.

Maine explosion the Alphonso, which had been anchored near, was moved to a safe nation, but privately the opinion was stated distance away. "Scond, the fact that not once since the | ban question remains in such suspense there

"As to our reasons for thinking so: First.

go ashore. The only inference is that the officials are afraid the sailors might become other topics and the belief was quite deintoxicated and talk too much." Colonel Chado has come to New York for medical and surgical treatment, his right arm, side and leg being paralyzed from privation, exposure and a wound. He is a native Cuban, and one of the most active insurgents. His wife and three grown children still remain in Hayana He has served as surgeon general under General Calixto Garcia for the past three years, but, at length, unable to ride his horse or dress himself, he received from the nsurgent commander an indefinite furlough

as invalided. "I shall not return to Cuba until she is

#### free," he said. FOOD FOR THE STARVING.

ast Quantities of Relief Supplies Are Being Received for Shipment

to Cuba. New York, March 21.-The central Cuban relief committee has decided to charter a vessel of not less than 2,000 tons burden to take 2,000 tons of cornmeal and 200 tons of bacon to Cuba within ten days from Saturday last. The supplies have been purchased, at a cost of \$50,000, and will be de livered in this city during the week. The committee has a most gratifying response to its 10,000 circulars widely distributed in New York and New Jersey, and it is thought quite probable that a second steamer will have to be chartered within

four weeks. This, too, in spite of the fact that all the regular lines are taking as much of the relief supplies as they can handle in addition to their regular cargoes and free of

The receipts daily are now so large that the committee has opened a warehouse at No. 48 Ferry street, and here the goods are carefully examined, repacked and arranged in shipments and then forwarded to the arious American consuls.

Notification has reached the committee hat a carload of ear corn is en route from North English, Ia.; a carload of provision rom Rome, Ind.; a box of supplies from Decatur, Ind., Winchester and Fredericks burg, Va.; 5,000 pounds of beans, 163,125 grains of quinine, 2,000 pounds of codfish, 960 pounds of condensed milk and other supplies from Portland, Me., and various smaller consignments from other places. The Omaha World-Herald telegraphed today that it will send several carloads of

sked for free transportation. The contributors requested the dispatch o Matanzas of such stuffs as they shall forward. Rev. Mr. Corta writes from Tampa, Fla.

provisions and medicines by April 1, and

asking for aid for the "15,000 refugees here, 3,000 of whom have no means of making a living. They must be fed, clothed Stephen E. Barton, president of the com-

mittee, made arangements with the Clyde line to send contributions to Jacksonville and from there to Tampa by the Southern Express company, both corporations agreeing to make the transportation free of charge. Mr. Barton explained that no supplies will be sent to Tampa which have been expressly marked for Cuba. He said the committee is perfectly willing to forward such supplies as are marked for Tampa to that place.

refugees in Tampa is very great," said Mr. can for them."

"I understand that the destitution of the

dom for the Cubans. Last night this church adopted resolutions to that effect and ordered a copy sent to the president. This church has about 400 members.

#### WILL STAND AS MASON'S PROXY

Wisconsin Man Accepts Baron El Cardo's Challenge and Chooses Army Pistols.

Winona, Minn., March 21.-In response to the challenge of Baron El Cardo, Marquis of Alta Villa, Madrid, Spain, to tight a duel with Senator Mason, of Illinois, for the latter's utterances in the United States senate, Dr. George Powell, of La Crosse has sent the following acceptance of the

challenge in Mason's stead:
"To Baron El Cardo, Madrid, Spain: Through the press dispatches I am informed that you have challenged Senator Mason to mortal combat for words spoken in defense of his position as the champion of the patriotism and principles of his coun try and its people in the United States. with usual Spanish generosity selecting your own weapon.

"Now, as Senator Mason has spent a lifetime in the pursuit of a more humane calling, and in the walks of a civilization which has but poorly fitted him to meet a bully at arms, as one who has admired and now inderses the objectionable words and patrictism of Senator Mason, I, a plainsman, a Westerner, one of a class known as typical American, typical because it because it believes that murder in the first degree cannot be paid for with gold-here-by accept your challenge, and name the army pistol, the old 44, the organ of civilization, the instrument with which the American pioneer measured justice to assassins; and while earnestly assuring you and all your kind that thousands of men of my type stand ready to step in my tracks and pick up my pistol, if it should fall, I sincerely thank the representative of a thousand years of barbarism for the opportunity to fire the shot in revenge for the Yankee sailors who fed the sharks in the

bottom of Havana bay—George E. Powell, La Crosse, Wis., March 21." The above cable was sent March 17, but ras not made public until to-day. George E. Powell is a noted Western plains man and Indian fighter, who followed the fortunes of the army for thirty years in the capacity of scout and guide in the numer-ous Indian wars, serving with distinction inder every general of the army west of the Mississippl river during his term of service. So valuable had been the services rendered by him to the army that he has been the recipient of many mementoes from his commanders, notable among them being a magnificent silver mounted revolver cost-ing \$150, and presented by the late General

George A. Custer. Dr. Powell is about 50 years of age and well known physician of LaCrosse, Wis. Dr. Powell is a boon companion of such noted frontiersmen as Buffalo Bill, Wild Bill, Texas Jack and others of equal note.

### ACTION EXPECTED SOON.

Belief Among Senators That Some thing Will Be Done Within a Week.

Washington, March 21.-The short session of the senate to-day was quite unusual for for the first working day of the week. That day of the explosion has any seaman or was no desire to take up important legisla-marine from the Alphonso been allowed to among senators almost to the exclusion of cided that the administration is preparing to take a positive position within the next week. Several senators made the prediction that the United States would intervene. Being pressed for a reason, they sion after more or less conference with executive officers, but at the same time saying quite emphatically that they had no pos tive information on this point. Other senators thought the recognition of Cuban in dependence more probable than intervenion. Almost all expressed the view that some action surely will follow the report of the Maine court of inquiry regardless

#### of its purport. BRODERICK IS OUTSPOKEN.

ays the Independence of the Cubani Should Be Recognized, by All Means.

Washington, March II .- (Special.) Judge Broderick, speaking of the Cuban question to-day, said: "We should by all means recognize the independence of the Cubans. The patriots have shown, by their persistency and courage in conducting the war during he past three years, that they are capable of self-government. On the other and, the war has been conducted with such cruelty by the Spaniards that it is a such action long ago. Just think of it starving to death by the thousands. It is afe to say that 600,000 people have died from starvation or from the effects, during the past eighteen months, of want of food. Humanity demands that we take such a step. Never mind about th that the island belongs to Spain, and that she has a right to settle the difference in her own way. The way Spain has attempted to settle is one of outright murder. Let the president recognize the independence of he Cubans and I, for one, and speaking for my constituency also, am ready and willto bear arms to uphold him in any trouble that may result from his action.'

#### CUBAN RELIEF MEANS WORK. Spasmodic Efforts Only Tantalizing-Will Take \$15,000 a Week

Regularly.

New York, March 21 .- Dr. Louis Klopsch now in Cuba, in charge of the American relief work, cables from Havana under date of March 21, to the Christian Herald "The situation is simply this: Two hun dred and five thousand reconcentrados, in ver 400 accessible towns, are helplessly destitute. Unless we can get regularly, without a break, 300 tons of cornmeal and fifty tons of lard or bacon every week, we cannot effectively relieve the suffering. Spasmodic and unsystematic efforts defeat all good intentions. Canned goods are useless and condensed milk should be substituted. Fifteen thousand dollars weekly will feed every starving man, woman and child in Cuba. Small, irregular shipments are only

Nevada, Mo., Merchant Assigns. Nevada, Mo., March 21.—(Special.) Mr. J. P. Lowry, the leading boot and shoe merchant of this city, made an assignment this morning. His liabilities are about \$13,-600, and assets about the same. The heavlest creditors are the Bank of Nevada for \$4,700, and Mrs. R. L. Turnbull, \$2,000.

tantalizing."

#### Japan's New Navy. Vienna, March 21.-The newspapers an

Religious Freedom for Cubans.

Jefferson City, Mo., March 21.—(Special.)
The members of the First Baptist church of this city want President McKinley, to

NEW DATE SET FOR ARRIVAL OF THE MAINE REPORT.

### PLAN OF PROCEDURE OUTLINED

COPY TO BE SENT TO SPAIN AND AN-OTHER TO CONGRESS.

To Be Made Public as Soon as Sent to Congress - No Information in of Report-Extraordi-

nary Precautions.

Washington, March 21 .- The procedure in connection with the submission of the report of the Maine court of inquiry by the president to congress is now clearly outlined, and a cabinet officer to-day explained the general line of action at present intended to be pursued upon receipt of the report, which is expected to reach Washington next Thursday. A copy of it will be laid before the Spanish government very early and, as soon as can be consistently done, the report will be sent to congress and made public at the same time. The report to congress will be accompanied by a message from the president stating that, after receiving the report, the conclusions were laid before the Spanish government and appropriate action from that quarter

It is stated positively that no part of the report, and no intimation of the findings, has reached the executive authoritime, it is a noticeable fact that the current official opinion is beginning to follow that of the unofficial opinion expressed so positively and persistently at Havana and Key West, that the cause of the explo-sion was external to the battleship. Officials high in the administration stated to-day that, while they were wholly without exact information as to the findings of the court of inquiry, they found themselves sharing in the apparently intangible conviction that the cause of the explosion was not accidental. Opinion expressed by the Maine survivors who reached here last Saturday doubtless has contributed largely

to this view in official circles. In this connection it is understood that one of the officers who arrived on Saturday stated, not as opinion, but as his peraster, that there were two distinct explosions. The tendency of this is to support the theory of external cause as it is based on the idea that the first external explosion

Intense interest in the report was manifested to-day at the White House and at the state, war and navy departments. The president received a number of congressional leaders, among them being Speaker Reed and Chairman Hitt, of the house committee on foreign affairs. The visit of Mr. Reed naturally attracted much attention, there is the fact that the night before the no one was prepared to go on with any as he seldom leaves the congressional sphere to make calls on the executive branch, and it was naturally inferred that the purpose of his visit was to confer upon the Cuban situation and its future before congress, though neither he nor Mr. Hitt had an extended conference with the president but so far as it could be learned, it

Spanish question. of the cabinet officials, about the report of the board of inquiry. said he agreed heartily with the suggestion that had been made that the president consider it before giving it to the public, and felt sure that the public would take the same view. In so important a matter, he said, the country can well afford to give the chief executive in whom it has so much confidence, reasonable time for deliberation, feeling assured that the full report will

then be given out and nothing withheld. The same official expressed the hope that this same confidence which is felt in the president will lead congress and the pubic to recognize that the president has sources of information that are not essed by anybody else, by reason of his communications with foreign govern and his diplomatic channels, and if anybody can shape a policy which will lead to a satisfactory settlement of the present critical situation, it is the president. The olution, he added, may not be far off, after all. The country may be sure of one thing -that the president will safeguard its rights and its honor to the furthest and at the

same time let no opportunity slip to pre-

Most extraordinary precautions, it is alleged, have been taken by the authorities to prevent the report of the Maine court of inquiry from being divulged before the document reaches the president. From the time the messenger bearing this re-port leaves Key West until he reaches the capitol he will be under the constant surveillance of carefully picked, tried trusty men who will be heavily armed. In fact, as much care will be taken with this communication as though it were a paymaster's treasure chest being transported to some frontier post where lawless char-acters would be likely to be encountered. This safeguard of having an armed escort was determined upon after a careful consideration of the matter at the White House and navy department. It was designed to guard against the slightest possibility of a leak in any quarter before the president and his advisers had an opportunity to read and discuss a document so fraught with importance and which might lead to war or peace between this country and Spain. It was determined that not until the latest possible moment should this all-important document be given to the messenger who should bear it to Washington, and the admiral of the fleet was intrusted with the task of choosing the bearer of this dispatch. Simultaneously with the reception of this important communication the dispatch bearer will be furnished an armed escort, who will accompany him from the ship lying off the Florida until the package is delivered to the secretary of war and his receipt obtained.

The guards will not be in uniform nor will they carry Winchester rifles with fixed sword bayonets, but they will be heavily armed beneath their civilian attire and prepared to give an account of themselves hould an emergency arise. Care will be taken to guard against any publicity in the movements of the dispatch bearer his escort, and to persons unacquainted with their identity they will appear as ordi-nary passengers, probably tourists who been spending the winter South. Even the train upon which the party will start the train upon which the party will start will be unknown until they are ready to go aboard on the journey to Washington. There will be reliefs every few hours to guard against the precious package being without protection for a single moment. There is a cordon of government agents extending from Washington to Key West at this time, and it will be their duty to board the train carrying the dispatch bearer with his report at certain stations desig-nated by the proper authorities. They will